



ENVISION ARLINGTON FISCAL RESOURCES TASK GROUP
Meeting Minutes 7:30 PM 9/19/19 Rev1

Senior Center Ground Floor Conference Room

ATTENDEES: Gordon Jamieson (Co-Chair), Chris Adams, Jonathan Houghton, Pete Howard (Secretary)

Chris and Jonathan welcomed. Gordon reviewed some of our past projects.

1. ORDER OF ARTICLES AT TOWN MEETING We think SB articles should go before ARB articles. Gordon has discussed w/ Joe Curro who was receptive. Gordon will remind Joe and ask him to put it on a future SB agenda. Pete will meet with Dan Dunn, Steve DeCoursey, & Diane Mahon to pitch the idea.

2. CITIZENS CORNER: Gordon proposed an article that explains the real estate tax bill – why the 1st and 2nd quarterly bills are estimates, when the tax rate is set, relation between budget and tax bill, etc. David Garbarino nominated as both knowledgeable and next in line.

3. DISCUSSION OF PRIMER – suggestions for future articles.

How state aid affects Arlington. New Growth –what it is, how it affects the Town (both income & services), recent history, estimation.

How does state education aid (Chap 70) affect Arlington.

Chris and Jonathan will study the primer with fresh eyes and make suggestions for improvements.

4. VISITS FROM TOWN FINANCIAL LEADERS: Gordon has invited School CFO Michael Mason to the October meeting and he has accepted.

5. INTERVIEWS WITH FINANCIAL LEADERS: Several positions have new leaders. Chris said he would like to do one of these. He would work with Heather. Individual TBD.

6. LONG RANGE BUDGET PROJECTIONS: Gordon has discussed New Growth with Deputy Town Manager Sandy Pooler. Sandy will clarify the details of how this figure is obtained and said he would explain it to us in November.

Next mtg October 17

Meetings monthly - 3rd Thursdays 7:30 PM - Usually in Senior Center